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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
DAISUKE KOTAKE, ET AL.) : Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/818,605) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: March 28, 2001) :
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APPARATUS AND METHOD :

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents may be pertinent for the reasons discussed at pages 1 and 2 of the specification. Copies of the listed documents, together with an English language Abstract for the Hirose, et al. article and the Japanese patent document, are enclosed.

Applicants submit that no fee is required for consideration of this information since it is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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